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SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST: STATUS OF TURKISH NATIONALS AT GTMO

REF: A. ANKARA 3732

B. STATE 162892

Classified By: CDA Robert Deutsch for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶11. (U) This is an action request. Please see para. three.

¶12. (S) At their June 27 meeting in Ankara, PM Erdogan raised the issue of three Turkish nationals still held at GTMO with President Bush. Ref a requested the Department to provide us with an update on the status of the remaining Turks at GTMO, including an assessment of when/if they can be expected to be released, and the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision on their status.

¶13. (S) Action request: We expect news of the transfer of four French citizens from GTMO to French authorities (ref b) will renew Turkish public and government speculation on the fate of the Turks held there. Thus we reiterate our request for an update.

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